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Introduction

This document provides background information in terms of "Information and Tips" (page 5), a "List of Known Issues" (page 39), and "Upgrade-related Topics" (page 45). All are important regarding the use of FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00.

In addition, section "Release-specific Enhancements and Changes" (page 3) provides an overview of new key features since the previous release FT PharmaSuite 11.00.00.

Please see appendices for Technical Release Notes (page 55) and Open Source License Agreements (page 61).

For a list of definitions, please refer to the Glossary [A1] (page 51).

Chapter 2

Release-specific Enhancements and Changes

FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 introduces functional improvements in the areas of:

- FT Warehouse Management with modernized UI Design (based on WXF).
- FT Warehouse Management integration enabled by default, no need of FT EIHub anymore.
- Cold Chain Tracking for Warehouse and Production
  - Tracking of several temperature ranges per thermo-sensitive material possible.
  - Background monitoring based on thresholds with alerting and status change.
  - Inheritance of tracked temperature range values during production from the incoming to the outgoing material.
  - Checks against thresholds during material identification in production.
  - Inheritance of temperature range values at execution of inventory activities e.g., merge or split of stock.
  - Cold Chain Tracking History to keep the documentation complete.
- Phase UI Refresh
  - All product phases have been adapted to use the new UI design with resize capability, for more information see "FT PharmaSuite Building Blocks - Compatibility Matrix" [A7] (page 51).
  - Old phase versions are still supported for smooth recipe transition.
- Workflow Handling Usability Improvements
  - Abort workflows without first detaching them from orders.
  - Review dashboard, better visibility of canceled orders and workflows, and all start times.

- Supported Platform Refresh
  - Support of the latest release of FactoryTalk ProductionCentre and Web Experience Framework (WXF) including the Administration editors with new UI design.
  - Support of up-to-date versions of operating systems, databases, and components.
  - Security enhancements and configuration to meet security-related requirements.

Limitations

The scope of FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 is further limited as described in the following paragraphs.

- Backup and Recovery
  Backup and recovery (GID-2665972) is done using 3rd-party tools, therefore not scope of the testing activities for FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00.
- System Configuration
  Changing system configuration and / or extending the system, which is typically done by system integrators, is not tested for FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00. Testing for FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 is generally limited to a default configuration, unless otherwise mentioned.
- Internationalization (I18N)
  I18N aspects are explicitly excluded from testing because of negligible risk.

Chapter 3

Information and Tips

This section provides information and tips on the behavior of FT PharmaSuite under specific conditions.

General Considerations

Warehouse Management Integration

New for FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00.

With FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00, the integration with Warehouse Management is enabled by default. If Warehouse Management is not licensed or not yet to be used, you should change the configuration to avoid unnecessary creation of master data for the use of the Warehouse Management and Execution Clients. For more information on changing the configuration, see “Performing Administrative Tasks for Warehouse” in "User Guide Warehouse Management" [A4] (page 51).

Maintenance of User Master Data

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 11.00.00.

User master data of FT PharmaSuite is maintained with PS Administration, using FTPC Web Experience Framework-based editors. Typically, on project level a third-party security provider like the LDAP Login Module is used.

However, FactoryTalk ProductionCentre still requires that user-specific properties and user group assignments are maintained in PS Administration, even if integrated with third-party applications. This is specifically required for a user's first name and last name. The information is mandatory, since it is used across all FT PharmaSuite clients whenever the name of a user has to be recorded (e.g., logged-in user, electronic signature).

For more information, please refer to "FactoryTalk ProductionCentre User Guide Web Experience Framework" [A8] (page 51).

Precision of Calculation

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 8.3

If a measured value with its given scale (number of significant digits) is multiplied by a factor, the resulting scale depends on the scale of the original value and the magnitude of the factor (smaller than or greater than 1).

Examples:

- The expected result of a weight of 35.5 g multiplied by 10 is **355 g** (not: 355.0 g).
- The expected result of a weight of 7 kg multiplied by 0.5 is **3.5 kg** (not: 4 kg).

In order to achieve the expected result, FT PharmaSuite applies an algorithm to correct the result's scale as expected:

- scaleTarget = ceil(scaleSource - log10(multiplierFactor))

This algorithm also has to be considered when tolerances are defined in a recipe (e.g., with process parameters of the **Get process value** phase).

- The following tolerance definition **must not be used**, because it results in different and unexpected scales for upper/lower limits (example tolerance of +/- 1%):
  Upper limit = Value * (1 + 0.01)
  Lower limit = Value * (1 – 0.01)
  - Example: Value = 58 ml
    Upper limit = 59 ml, Lower limit = 57,4 ml
- The following tolerance definition results in a **correct and expected representation** of the limits (example tolerance of +/- 1%):
  Upper limit = Value + (Value * 0.01)
  Lower limit = Value - (Value * 0.01)
  - Example: Value = 58 ml
    Upper limit = 58.58 ml, Lower limit = 57,42 ml

Related to percentage calculations in general, the scale of a percentage calculation result will be at least 2 digits higher than the resulting scale of the multiplication itself due to the implicit division by 100. Example: 5 * 5% = 0.25, 100 * 1% = 1.00.
For more information, please refer to "Technical Description - Number Handling" [A15] (page 51) and "Technical Description - Quantity Calculations" [A16] (page 51).
The "Technical Description - Number Handling" describes the handling of numbers with respect to unit of measures (UoM), conversions, (quantity) calculations, etc. in FT PharmaSuite.
The "Technical Description - Quantity Calculations" describes the quantity calculations provided in FT PharmaSuite. Quantity calculations are used in the order explosion and in the Dispense and Weighing phase building blocks.

Global Unit of Measure Conversions

FT PharmaSuite and its underlying platform FactoryTalk ProductionCentre support the definition of global unit of measure conversion factors within the same physical quantities (e.g., length, time, mass, temperature). For conversions between different physical quantities, material-related conversion factors can be defined.

Global unit of measure conversion factors (e.g., 1 kg = 1.000 g) must not be misused to define non-global conversion factors that might even contradict already defined global conversion factors. This leads to non-predictable unit of measure conversions during execution.

If additional standard conversions need to be loaded into the system, this has to be handled by a system integrator.

Material-specific Conversion Factors

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00.

Suppose there is a unit conversion from **kg** to **l** with a factor of **1.2** (and no offset). Converting **1 kg** to **liters** will result in **1 l**, whereas converting **1.0 kg** will yield **1.2 l**. The conversion function preserves the precision of the input.

A conversion offset is not supported by the Dispense, Inline Weighing, and Output Weighing phase building blocks of FT PharmaSuite.

Material-specific conversion factors are not used by Warehouse Management.

Localized Signature Reason in the Production Execution Client

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.3

In the Production Execution Client (PEC), a reason is displayed for each electronic signature (e.g., Performed by, Reviewed by).

Since FT PharmaSuite 8.3, the reason for electronic signatures to be performed in the Production Execution Client can be localized. However, a localized reason must not exceed 80 characters.

The localized text is only used as a default during recipe authoring, i.e., the reasons used during execution are based on the configuration within the recipe.

Only if no reason is maintained in the recipe, the system defaults to the related message pack entry. If no message pack entry is maintained, the system defaults to the reason attribute of the related signature privilege.

Asian Locale and Exceeded Input Field Length

If an edit field has a length restriction (maximum N characters), the restriction does not work for Unicode fonts (e.g., Asian fonts), but arbitrary long strings can be entered into the field. In the end, the data cannot be stored to the database or be displayed correctly. This is an issue within Java and has not been solved yet (as of Java 6).

The system cannot assure the correct length of a given string automatically. However, in case the length restriction is exceeded, the string is no longer displayed correctly. Therefore, when entering and saving of data, the user needs to double-check that the system still displays the data correctly.

Equipment and Work Center Management

Equipment Entity's Context Information within Data Manager

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.2

If an equipment entity is used in the context of a workflow, FT PharmaSuite does not record the current/previous context in the **Context** tab of the equipment entity in Data Manager - Equipment. The context is still available in the equipment logbook (if maintained).
Only the order-related context is recorded in the **Context** tab, i.e., the previous order context information remains unchanged during the execution of a workflow until the equipment entity is used again in an order context. Additionally, the context is not reset if the equipment entity is used in the context of any workflow.

The evaluation of cleaning rules (e.g., during a subsequent weighing step) is based on the current/previous context that is presented in the **Context** tab of an equipment entity in Data Manager - Equipment. The previous order context now remains unchanged during the execution of any workflow (e.g., a cleaning workflows), including the information of the previously involved material (in the context of an order). That means, after the execution of a cleaning workflow (e.g., a minor cleaning), the previous order context information is still available for evaluation of pre-configured cleaning rules (e.g., **Minor cleaning required** vs. **Major cleaning required**) in the context of a sub-sequent weighing step of an order.

If an equipment entity (e.g., room, container) is exposed to other material while it is used within a weighing campaign (e.g., usage of an FT PharmaSuite workflow for Weighing without order or even weighing without any usage of FT PharmaSuite), an operational procedure (SOP) needs to be in place to ensure that the cleaning status of the equipment entity is set to an appropriate cleaning status (e.g., **Major cleaning required**). Thus, the equipment entity cannot be used again within the campaign without being cleaned appropriately.

Change Control within Data Manager

Last updated for FT PharmaSuite 8.4.

Data Manager allows to manage the following equipment-related master data: property types, equipment classes, equipment entities, and equipment graphs. In addition, work centers and stations are also maintained in Data Manager.

Change control is available for equipment classes, equipment entities, and equipment graphs. Best practice usage of the system only allows equipment classes and entities to be used during execution, if they are in an **Approved** status. However, in support of certain use cases (e.g., equipment qualification), the system allows to configure a recipe or workflow in a way, that equipment data can be used during execution, even if not in an **Approved** status, thus potentially being subject to change.

As a consequence, any change to data of objects that have already been used has to be applied very carefully in order not to break already approved recipes, workflows, or custom building blocks.

In addition, FT PharmaSuite also allows equipment classes to be moved back from the **Approved** to the **Draft** status. Any update of an equipment class that already has been approved earlier may have a severe impact on existing master recipes or master workflows. In order to support a related risk assessment, FT PharmaSuite provides a usage list for classes to give an overview of where a class is referenced as an equipment requirement in recipes, workflows, or building blocks.

For work centers and stations, no system change control is in place yet.

To separately manage the write or read access to Data Manager, the system provides two different access privileges for each of the two modes (Data Manager - Equipment, Data Manager - Work Center).

Expiry Date of a Current Equipment Status

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.1.

With FT PharmaSuite 8.1, status graph management was introduced in Data Manager to model specific status graphs for equipment entities (e.g., test status graph of a scale, cleaning status graph of a room).

For each status graph of an equipment entity, the system provides a **Current status** property and, if a status is configured to expire, an **Expiry date** property.

The **Expiry date** always represents the expiry date of the **Current status** only and needs to be set upon the latest status transition. This means, only the current status can expire automatically.

In case a specific use case requires the management of an expiry date other than for the current status of a graph, this needs to be modeled by managing separate expiry date runtime properties in addition to the **Expiry date** property provided by the system.

Forcing an Equipment Status in Data Manager

Last update for FT PharmaSuite 9.2.

With FT PharmaSuite 8.1, status graph management was introduced in Data Manager to model specific status graphs for equipment entities (e.g., test status graph of a scale, cleaning status graph of a room).

Since FT PharmaSuite 8.2, Data Manager provides an operation that allows to change runtime data, such as runtime properties, graph-related data (e.g., status, expiry date), and grouping situations, of an equipment entity in a read-only status. Since the **Current status** property of an entity is always modeled as a runtime property, this operation allows to force a status of any given status graph of an entity.

Typically, any equipment-related status transition is triggered by a recipe or workflow on the shop floor. Per configuration in the status graph of an equipment object, additional actions can take place automatically once a specific status transition has been triggered (e.g., increase of a counter).

For those exceptional cases when an equipment-related status needs to be forced in Data Manager, it is important to understand the following implications:

- Forcing a new status in Data Manager by updating the **Current status** property value does not represent a status transition as defined within the related status graph. Only the related runtime property is updated.
- As a consequence, none of the actions are performed automatically that can be defined within a status transition of the related status graph and its associated target status.
- Any related action (e.g., increase of a counter or re-calculation of an expiry date) that needs to be executed from a use case perspective requires a manual update of the related runtime property.

The main reason for this solution concept is the fact that use cases that require to perform a forced status change in Data Manager can be very different. Depending on the exceptional situation on the shop floor, further runtime properties may need to be updated or not. This shall always be an explicit action based on a conscious user decision rather than an implicit action that is performed automatically by the system.

Since FT PharmaSuite 9.2, Data Manager additionally provides a functionality to trigger an equipment graph status transition with all its defined actions on a specific single entity or on grouped entities.

Export/Import of Entities and their Class Assignments

Assuming an entity A is assigned to a class B in the source system.

If entity A is exported and imported into a target system that has no class B available yet, the assignment is automatically deleted upon the import of entity A.

However, if later on, class B is exported and entity A is still assigned to class B in the source system, the assignment will also be re-established in the target system upon the import of class B.

Export/Import of Entities, Classes, and Graphs in View of Change Control

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 8.1.

Change control is available for equipment classes, equipment entities, and equipment graphs. However, the status and status history information of a class, entity, or graph from its source system is not part of the export/import process. As a consequence, classes, entities, and graphs always need to be approved in the target system, independent of their previous status in the source system.

During the import of classes, entities, and graphs, specific rules apply in case the objects already exist in the target system. In general, update of an object with the import function is only allowed if the object in the target system is in the **Draft** status.

- A class, entity, or graph can only be imported, if it is in the **Draft** status in the target system.
- If an object with dependent objects is imported (e.g., class with assigned entities, entity with assigned graphs), specific rules apply. For more information, please refer to "Functional Requirement Specification Data Management" [A9] (page 51).
  Generally spoken, if the dependent object's content in the target system differs from the source system (which means it will be updated along with the import), the **Draft** status is required in the target system.
  If the dependent object in the target system is already in the **Verification** or **Approved** statuses, but its content is identical in the source and target systems, it will simply be skipped during the import and the import of the parent object will be successful.

Export/Import of Entities, Classes, and Graphs and File Manipulations

New for FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00

The system adds a checksum to exported BML files to allow the import functionality to detect a manipulation of the file content. To meet higher security requirements, FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 generates this checksum with a longer key and encrypts the added signature.

The checksum in files exported from FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 cannot be checked by older FT PharmaSuite versions.

The checksum in files exported prior to FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 can still be checked by FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 and is accepted even though these files are not fully protected against manipulation. Since equipment is always imported in the **Draft** status before a productive usage of the imported equipment, it passes through a verification and approval process. This backward compatibility on checksum processing will no longer be supported in one of the next FT PharmaSuite versions.

OPC-supported Data Type Mappings

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 9.1.

FT PharmaSuite only supports the explicitly defined data type mappings listed in the table below:

OPC standard data type	Description	Common OPC names	Mapped to Live Data data types	Mapped to FT PharmaSuite technical property
VT_EMPTY	Default/Empty (nothing)	---	N/A	N/A
VT_NULL	---	---	N/A	N/A
VT_I1	1-byte signed integer	**CHAR**	**Integer**	BigDecimal
VT_I2	2-byte signed integer	**SHORT**	**Integer**	BigDecimal
VT_I4	4-byte signed integer	**LONG**	**Integer**	BigDecimal
VT_R4	4-byte (single precision) real	**REAL4**	**Float**	BigDecimal
VT_R8	8-byte (double-precision) real	**REAL8**	**Double**	BigDecimal
VT_CY	Currency	CURRENCY	not supported	N/A
VT_DATE	Date	DATE	not supported	N/A
VT_BSTR	Text (UNICODE)	**STRING**	**String**	String
VT_ERROR	Error code	---	N/A	N/A
VT_BOOL	Boolean (TRUE=-1, FALSE=0)	**BOOLEAN**	**Boolean**	Boolean
VT_UI1	1-byte unsigned integer	**BYTE**	**Integer**	BigDecimal
VT_UI2	2-byte unsigned integer	**USHORT**	**Integer**	BigDecimal
VT_UI4	4-byte unsigned integer	**ULONG**	**Integer**	BigDecimal
VT_ARRAY	Arrays	ARRAY OF ...	not supported	N/A

When defining the tag name (tag path) of numeric equipment entity properties in Data Manager - Equipment, it is crucial to ensure that the OPC data type behind the defined tag name matches the pre-defined Live Data data type of the property, which was defined on property type level.

FT PharmaSuite supports the check with a manual **Verify** function. It double-checks the validity of the tag name and the correct data type mapping. In case the check fails (name or data type), FT PharmaSuite displays a warning message that the given tag name is not valid.

Note: If FT PharmaSuite runs in an environment without a connection to the OPC server, an equipment entity can be saved even if tag names are not defined properly, or data types do not match.

Example of the consequences when a numeric property with a wrong data type mapping is used during execution:
A **Get OPC value** phase is configured to support the **Integer** Live Data type, but the related tag name is mapped to a **REAL4** OPC data type (Float). During execution, while reading from the tag, an arbitrary conversion may take place and provides just the **Integer** portion of the value (25.678 in the PLC is displayed and recorded as 25 in FT PharmaSuite).
There is no indication to the operator that a conversion took place.

Locale-specific Logbook Entries

FT PharmaSuite writes equipment-related logbook entries as a string according to the actual Locale (e.g., English-US). This might have an impact on the way how expression conditions (e.g., related to a transition within the recipe graph) have to be defined.

If string-based information from the logbook is used to define expression conditions, this results in expressions that now also depend on the Locale of the running system. As a consequence, the recipe can only be executed on a client that is running based on the same Locale compared to the recipe definition.

Export/Import of Work Centers and Stations

Data Manager - Work Center, introduced with FT PharmaSuite 5.2, allows to manage the following master data: work centers and stations.
Currently there is no export/import function for work centers and stations available within Data Manager.
To transfer these objects from system A to system B, Process Designer’s DSX export/import must be used. See also "Work Centers do not export their Production Line(s)" (page 40).

Registration of Devices at Stations

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 8.3

Since FT PharmaSuite 5.2, the system supports certain agility use cases that allow to run the Production Execution Client and the related recipe or workflow processing on multiple stations per work center and also on multiple devices per station. One specific new feature in this context is the **Register at Station** function, which supports the usage of mobile devices. It allows an operator to register his current device at another station, provided the operator is authorized to execute recipes on that specific station.

Before FT PharmaSuite 5.2, the setup of work centers, stations, and devices was always based on two facts:

- There is a 1:1:1 relation between those artifacts.
- The related setup cannot be changed by an operator in the Production Execution Client.

Given the new agility use cases that are now supported with FT PharmaSuite 5.2, there are certain aspects that need to be considered during the initial setup of work centers, stations, and devices, and also during the configuration of the Production Execution Client running on those devices and stations.

- In order to control which user is allowed to log in at which station, assign respective access privileges to each station in Data Manager.
- In order to not allow a registration of a stationary device at all, disable the manual and scanner-based execution of the **Register at Station** function for the given station.
- In order to enforce that a registration of a mobile device can only be done with the barcode right at the new station's location, disable the manual execution of the **Register at Station** function (or only allow it for a supervisor) and only allow a scanner-based registration for the related stations.
- In order to control the correct status of equipment required for order execution, consider to model explicit steps for equipment identification in a master recipe.

For work centers of the **Dispense** type, there still is a 1:1:1 relation required between work center, station, and device.

Automation Integration

Automation Infrastructure-related Data

For each equipment entity, the relevant Automation Integration (AI) server name and the Live Data Area path can be maintained within Data Manager - Equipment.

In case the AI server name or the Live Data Area path are changed for a specific equipment entity after it has already been used on the shop floor, the respective Production Execution Client (PEC) needs to be restarted in order to reflect the changes.

Limited Real-time Capability

FT PharmaSuite is not designed to replace a real-time SCADA system, but to ensure compliant manufacturing from an MES perspective.

Two of the key advantages of the MES automation integration are the ability

- to automatically read, write, and monitor values of equipment properties and document the result in the batch report, and
- to record exceptions if expected values or ranges are violated or communication failures occur.

Usually, the required technical infrastructure works fine and these capabilities can be considered to provide "semi-real-time" results. However, due to the nature of the technical setup, there still is a risk that the communication between MES and the automation layer may be delayed or may fail completely.

During recipe or workflow execution, FT PharmaSuite provides an exception handling that allows to respond to this kind of communication failures (e.g., record the results manually) and to record the exception in the batch report.

Limitation of Monitoring Capability

The **Monitor numeric value** phase, introduced with FT PharmaSuite BB Delta, provides the capability to monitor a value-related tag, based on a pre-defined condition and monitoring duration (e.g., for the next 5 minutes monitor if the value exceeds 23 °C).

However, one specific tag can only be monitored against one condition at a time. That means, the system does not support to monitor one tag simultaneously against different conditions (e.g., phase 1 monitors T1 > 23 °C, phase 2 monitors T1 > 50 °C), not even if different **Monitor numeric value** phase instances are used or the phases are run on different clients.

To monitor different conditions simultaneously, the automation layer needs to provide different tags for the same data to be monitored.

Equipment Automation Tag Changes

New for FT PharmaSuite 10.02.00

Since PharmaSuite 10.02.00, all tags of an entity ("Tag name", "Indicator tag"), defined with a path, form the tag group of this entity together. The initial creation of the tag group is done with the first successful tag verification or the first read/write operation. If an equipment entity shall be used in a not approved status, changes on entities tag definition can be populated by a further successful tag verification.

Dispensing

Replacing Sublots in the Production Management Client

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.3

In general, as exceptional use cases can vary in a wide range, a key idea of FT PharmaSuite to handle exceptional cases is to provide as much flexibility as possible, in order to record the corrective actions properly in the system. However, a high level of flexibility always implies that there is less user guidance in terms of automated calculations or checks by the system.

An example of an exceptional use case that has to be reviewed carefully and typically signed by a supervisor as a witness (double signature) is the replacement of a sublot and related quantities in the Production Management Client.

The system provides flexible ways to resolve a wide range of replacement-related use cases. For example:

- The Production Management Client allows to replace a single active substance sublot even though the compensation material has already been dispensed completely.
  (This is restricted in the Production Execution Client. There, all compensation material has to be replaced first, before active material can be replaced.)
- The Production Management Client allows to adjust the new default remaining planned quantity of a material by the user, related to each sublot to be replaced (planned quantity can be edited.).
- Even after all of the relevant sublots were marked as replaced and as long as processing of the reactivated order step has not been started yet, the new remaining quantity of the material item can still be adjusted in the Production Management Client with the **Increase quantity of order step input** action (1st OSI split position).

In other words, FT PharmaSuite automatically calculates a resulting remaining quantity for each individual sublot as a default planned quantity (for active materials, the remaining quantity is recalculated according to the actual/planned potency of the replaced sublot). However, the quantity has to be reviewed and adjusted manually by the user as needed.

This is especially true in case the entire set of sublots of an active or compensation material position is replaced. Due to potential rounding errors (active material) or previous compensator calculations (compensation material), this typically requires a manual quantity adjustment in order to reset the remaining quantity to the original planned quantity of this material position.

Tracking of Exceptional Events for Order/Workflow Steps in the Production Management Client

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 9.1

As part of the **Manage Orders/Workflows** use case in the Production Management Client, FT PharmaSuite provides capabilities to perform the following operations:

- Define an alternative material (order step input)
- Edit the comment of an order/workflow
- Edit the comment of an order/workflow step
- Dispatch order/workflow steps
- Allocate batches
- Add material-related comments for non-Dispense order steps

All of these operations can be controlled by respective privileges. Since FT PharmaSuite 9.1, an explicit **Order and Workflow Changes** table is used to track those operations in the database and document the changes in the batch or workflow report.

When an order or workflow changes its status from **In process** to **Finished**, FT PharmaSuite checks if order or workflow changes have been tracked. If so, the system automatically records an "order/workflow changes"-specific exception for the last unit procedure.

Cleaning Rules and the Room’s Context Information within Data Manager

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.2

If an equipment entity is used in the context of a workflow, FT PharmaSuite does not record the current/previous context in the **Context** tab of the equipment entity in Data Manager - Equipment. The context is still available in the equipment logbook (if maintained).
For more information, please refer to "Equipment Entity’s Context Information within Data Manager" (page 8).

Tolerance Calculation

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 10.0.

In versions of FT PharmaSuite prior to 3.1, during dispensing, the system reduced the tolerance range of a weighing item by the scale resolution **d** (e.g., 0.1 g) per split position.

Since FT PharmaSuite 3.1, the tolerance range is no longer reduced by the system. This functionality has been removed in order to:

- support a lower or upper limit of 0% and
- avoid issues related to restricted tolerance ranges where a weighing position cannot be completed anymore after multiple split positions have been created and no tolerance range is left.

This behavior has to be taken into consideration when tolerances are defined within the master recipe.

Since FT PharmaSuite 8.0 (corrected in the **Select scale** phase building blocks of FT PharmaSuite 10.0), the tolerance calculation has been changed slightly, based on the following assumptions:

- The **tolerance** definition within a recipe rather has the meaning of an **accuracy** or **precision** definition of a quantity, which is reflected by the question "What is the maximum/minimum value of the real weight that I will accept, not knowing yet which scale resolution will apply during execution?"
  For this reason, we do not allow lower AND upper tolerances to be 0 at the same time, because there is no physical scale available with a precision of +/- 0.
- An update is applied with FT PharmaSuite 8.0 that recalculates the nominal tolerance range during execution based on the resolution of the used scale:
  [roundUpAccordingScaleResolution(lower tolerance + resolution) .. roundDownAccordingScaleResolution(upper tolerance – resolution)]
  In this way, it is assured that weighing **In tolerance** during execution results in a physical weight that really is within the original tolerance definition of the recipe.
- The algorithm within the **Select scale** phase that identifies suitable scales follows the same approach. Only scales are allowed with a configured weighing range that covers, for the planned value, a valid nominal tolerance range (calculated as described above) or the resolution of the scale is sufficient in case the planned value is outside of the scale's weighing ranges. A valid weighing range still can be reached due to the additional tare or an underweight situation. The resolution is sufficient if the scale's resolution value is smaller than or equal to twice the tolerance range.

Only Identification

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 8.4

If **Only identification** is the default weighing method and no other weighing methods are allowed according to the master recipe, an operator on the shop floor will not be able to handle overweight situations other than through another **Only identification** action.

In case a final dispensing step will be required on the shop floor (e.g., **Net** weighing), a reasonable weighing method must be allowed within the master recipe and the required weighing phase building blocks (for scale selection, taring, and weighing) must be part of the recipe definition.

Scale Timeout

After a communication timeout, the tare value presented in the Dispense application may temporarily show a different tare value than the display of the scale itself.

If the scale is unstable when it receives the tare command, it will not respond until eventually the scale gets stable and the tare can be determined. There is no timeout at the scale itself and the tare command is not discarded. The Dispense application terminates waiting for the tare response from the scale after a timeout (10 sec.), displaying an error message and remaining in the **Tare** phase.

The scale will tare itself (switch from gross to net display) immediately after the stabilizing (even minutes later). However, this is not fully reflected in the representation of the tare value in the Dispense application: the net value is shown instead of the tare value.

In order to correct this, the operator has to repeat zeroing and taring until the scale display (of the scale) and the representation within the Dispense application are synchronized again.

Precision Check for Manually Entered Weighing Values

New for FT PharmaSuite 10.0

In case the value of a weight is entered manually since the scale is configured as a manual scale or the scale is offline, the precision of the entered value must match the resolution of the used scale.
If the scale is configured as a multi-range scale, the resolution of the appropriate range is used to verify the manual input. The entered value must be a multiple of the range resolution.

Cold Chain Tracking

Track Time in Temperature Range

New for FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00

The time in temperature range is tracked on sublot level by Warehouse Management. Without Warehouse Management, the required master data and tracking functionality is not available.

Prepared Sublots and Time in Temperature Range

New for FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00

The time in temperature range tracking is quantity-independent. Once a sublot is created, the counters defined by the material (part) are initialized and start counting depending on the temperature range of the storage unit. This is as well the case for prepared sublots.

If this is not desired, it can be avoided by preparing containers instead of sublots or by creating or moving the prepared sublots to a storage unit with no or non-matching temperature range.

Cold Chain Tracking and Activity Set-based Workflows

New for FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00

The activity set-based workflows offered by the Production Inventory Client have limited Cold Chain Tracking functionality. In case new stock is created, the time in temperature range counters are initialized always with 0 min. It is not possible to inherit values from a source e.g., at sublot split, nor is it possible to provide new start values e.g., at material receipt. Please use the Warehouse Management workflows for full Cold Chain Tracking support.

Labeling and Reporting

Size of Value Fields

If the numeric value of the net quantity has too many digits, the Unit of Measure may be truncated.

Figure 1: Example sublot label

Solution: As part of the project-related fit-gap-analysis, the required number of digits needs to be analyzed. If required, sublot labels and the dispensing report need to be adapted.

Barcode Support

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 8.4.

The default barcode type in FT PharmaSuite for sublot labels is Code 128. However, during execution (e.g., material receipt, batch creation), there is no automated check of an operator's data input against conformity with the barcode type.

As a consequence, an operator could type non-barcode-conforming letters as part of an identifier (e.g., "Ä", "Ö", "Ü" within a batch identifier), which afterwards would lead to a system error during barcode identification (the barcode represents a combined identifier from sublot and batch).

An operational procedure (SOP) needs to be in place to ensure that in case of barcode-relevant identifiers, only those identifiers are defined and used, which conform to the used barcode type.

Localization of Reports

When localizing a report, be aware of differences in text length in the target language. If a string does not fit into a report field, JasperReports leaves the field empty instead of displaying an ellipsis or even a truncated string. This means that text expansion or only a different time/date format can become an issue and requires the report layout to be changed.

Recipe Management

Material Master Data

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 10.0

Material master data is not under version control. As a consequence, data might be changed by an authorized user at any time.

Material master data is under audit trail.

Appropriate access privileges and an operational procedure (SOP) need to be in place to ensure that critical data such as a **Material UoM conversion** is not updated in the system.

Positions of BOM Items

In general, the system supports alphanumeric BOM item positions.

However, if one of the BOM items is of the **Filler substance** weighing material type, each BOM item position must be numeric (leading zeros might be included).

Scalability of Master Recipes – Expected Number of Produced Sublots

New for FT PharmaSuite 7.1.

In general, recipes are scalable in FT PharmaSuite. In case the planned quantities of an order and its underlying master recipe are different, during order explosion the system automatically applies a related scaling factor to the planned quantities of all material parameters of this order (if not marked as **fixed quantity**).

However, for Output Weighing, the automated scaling of quantities does not apply to the **Number of sublots** process parameter, which is used to configure the expected minimum and maximum number of produced sublots.

In order to support scalable recipes, the respective calculations need to be modeled explicitly for the process parameter with an information flow function (e.g., base value multiplied by the **Order Scaling Factor** function).

Recipe and Workflow Management

Room Status and Room ID Functions

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.1.

Prior to FT PharmaSuite 8.1, a room was always bound implicitly to a running unit procedure, based on the work center assignment in its master data and the current work center of the running Production Execution Client. An example that is still valid in FT PharmaSuite 8.1 is the implicit binding of a room along with the identification of material in Dispense or Inline Weighing with the **D Identify material** phase.

The Expression editor of Recipe and Workflow Designer provides the Room Status and Room ID functions. Both are evaluated in the same way during execution, based on the

work center assignment of the room and the current work center of the running Production Execution Client.

With FT PharmaSuite 8.1, rooms can also be bound explicitly with the **Identify equipment** phase, independent of the work center assignment of the room equipment entity in Data Manager - Equipment.

An operational procedure (SOP) needs to be in place to ensure that if in such cases the Room Status and the Room ID functions are used within a recipe, only rooms can be identified explicitly whose assigned work center is also the current work center of the running Production Execution Client.

Alternatively, the current room status can be retrieved with the Equipment graph status (runtime-related) function (equipmentGraphStatus(arg1, arg2 [, arg3]). With an equipment object as first argument (retrieved with an output variable of the **Identify equipment** phase), a purpose as second argument, and an attribute identifier (KEY or DISPLAY) as optional third argument. In this way, the current status is always retrieved from the object that has been explicitly bound to the current unit procedure.

Definition of Signature Privileges for Exceptions

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.1.

For each signature privilege that is assigned to a specific phase during recipe/workflow authoring, a related risk level has to be defined. According to the risk assessment for each individual exception, the signature privilege with the same risk level will be required in order to sign an exception during execution.

With FT PharmaSuite 8.1, the following new risk levels were introduced: **Low (mandatory comment)**, **Medium (mandatory comment)**, and **High (mandatory comment)**. If one of the new risk levels is defined during recipe/workflow authoring, a mandatory comment has to be provided when an exception is signed during execution.

Please note that the risk levels without and with a mandatory comment (e.g., **High** and **High (mandatory comment)**) represent different risk levels to which different signature privileges must be assigned. This means, a signature privilege with risk level **High** does not apply to an exception with a risk level **High (mandatory comment)**.

Loops Built into EBR Recipes

Last updated for FT PharmaSuite 9.0.

Recipe and Workflow Designer of FT PharmaSuite is a graphical workbench for building and maintaining master recipes, master workflows, and their component building blocks. With its functions for status and version control, it covers the entire life cycle of a master recipe, master workflow, or custom building block. The workbench provides material flow control on the basis of material parameters, information flows for values from process parameters, privilege parameters for access rights, capability parameters, and equipment parameters.

For each structure level of a master recipe, master workflow, or building block, the system presents an SFC graph (sequential function chart).
FT PharmaSuite Recipe and Workflow Designer is available in two modes: as Recipe Designer and as Workflow Designer.

However, SFC is limited as follows:

- Loops are not allowed for process steps that are directly located after or before a branching.
- Loops are only supported for phases and operations, whereas parallel and XOR branching is supported for phases, operations, and unit procedures.

These rules need to be considered during recipe and workflow building.

Transition Conditions within SFC Modeling

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 8.4.

When defining transition conditions within an SFC model, ensure that the conditions are consistent and unique.

- Unless all of the potentially required values are covered (logical gap), the system may run into a dead end during recipe or workflow execution.
- If definitions are not unique (logical overlapping), the system may respond in a non-determined way during recipe or workflow execution.

If the system is not able to evaluate transition conditions and the recipe appears to hang, a specific recovery capability is available in the Production Management Client since FT PharmaSuite 8.4 (see section "Recovery Capabilities to Resolve Issues during Execution" (page 32)).

NOT Operator Used in Expressions

FT PharmaSuite interprets the expression **NOT A OR B** as **(NOT A) OR B**, but not as **NOT (A OR B)**.

This interpretation is in line with most programming languages (e.g., Java, SQL).
The same interpretation applies to the combination of the NOT and AND operators.

Limited Support of Dynamic Expressions in the Context of Get Values and Show Values Phases

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 10.0.

In general, the configuration of process parameters as part of recipe authoring is supported by the information flow mechanism, which includes the ability to define dynamic expressions.
This also applies to the process parameters of the FT PharmaSuite **Get values** and **Show values** phases introduced with FT PharmaSuite 6.0 in support of IPC-related data collection and data representation use cases.

However, some limitations apply if the **Show values** phase is used to present data that previously has been collected by the **Get values** phase.
In this case, the system only supports dynamic expressions as long as the result of each expression during execution (at runtime) is constant within a given process order/control recipe. This applies to the following phase, process parameter, and attribute:

- Get values / <Master (bundle identifier)> / Short description
  (used for table headers in the **Show values** phase).

Significance of Change Requests

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 7.1.

The purpose of a change request is to enable the user to replace specific custom building blocks automatically and, depending on the defined target status (of the recipe or workflow), to directly create new versions of recipes or workflows in a **Valid** status. In this context, failures in defining the scope of a change request might result in corrupt recipes or workflows that are available for production, which means there is a direct impact on product quality.

Therefore, each change requests must undergo its own approval cycle and conscious risk assessment has to be applied during review and approval.

Interruption of a Change Request

FT PharmaSuite allows to interrupt the execution of a change request in a controlled way by using the Cancel function. If the user confirms the interruption, the execution of the change request is canceled. If not, the execution can be continued.

Any other situation that leads to an interruption of the execution of a change request must be avoided, as this most likely will lead to inconsistent data. This applies, e.g., to situations when the execution of a change request is running for several hours and the FT PharmaSuite client is automatically moved into a stand-by or hibernate status while the execution is still running.

Handling of Custom Building Blocks Bundle Parameters within Smart Replace or Change Request

New for FT PharmaSuite 10.0

Prior to FT PharmaSuite 10.0, bundle parameters added within a used custom building block to a recipe or a custom building block were removed when the custom building block was replaced with smart replace or by a change request. This system behavior is changed as follows: a bundle parameter always remains at the old element if it is not part of the new element. Removing a bundle parameter with smart replace or by a change request is not possible. The deletion of a bundle parameter is a manual activity.

Building Blocks with Empty Exception Texts

New for FT PharmaSuite 10.0

With FT PharmaSuite 10.0, the execution of a phase building block will no longer be blocked due to a missing exception text for a user-triggered or post-completion exception. Instead, a default text will be added to the exception. The localizable default text can be changed (message pack: pec_ExceptionMessage, message ID: defaultExceptionText_Msg).

Master Recipe, Master Workflow, and Building Block Checksum

New for FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00

The system adds a checksum to exported BML files to allow the import functionality to detect a manipulation of the file content. To meet higher security requirements, FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 generates this checksum with a longer key.

The checksum in files exported from FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 cannot be checked by older FT PharmaSuite versions.

The checksum in files exported prior to FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 can still be checked by FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00. This backward compatibility will no longer be supported in one of the next FT PharmaSuite versions.

Order Management

Cancel Order or Abort Order Step

Last updated for FT PharmaSuite 8.4.

Changing the status of an order or workflow to **Canceled** or aborting an order or workflow step (only available for non-Dispense order steps) is a highly sensitive task that needs to be considered carefully. It is assumed that situations on the shop floor are cleaned up first, before an order/workflow is canceled or an order/workflow step is aborted in the Production Management Client.

However, in case an order/workflow step on the shop floor is still **In process** while **cancel order/workflow** or **abort order/workflow step** is performed in the Production Management Client, the system displays a message at the related Production Execution Client to inform the operator about the canceled order/workflow or aborted order/workflow step, respectively. Finally, the system automatically changes the status of all related order/workflow steps from **In process** to **Canceled** and the related recipe or workflow elements (unit procedure, operations, phases) are aborted.

Depending on the situation on the shop floor when the order/workflow is canceled or the order/workflow step is aborted, sublots, work centers/rooms, and equipment objects may still be bound to the then aborted order/workflow step.
In order to clean up the related data in the system, sublots can be released by a system administrator in the Production Management Client.

Runtime property values and graph statuses of equipment objects (e.g., scales, rooms, containers) can be cleaned up in Data Manager, if required. In case an equipment object is still bound to a canceled or aborted order, the **Force unbind** function can be applied to the equipment object.

Finish Order with Aborted Order Step

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.4.

Since FT PharmaSuite 8.3, the system allows to finish an order with order steps that are in an **Aborted** status, as long as these order steps were successfully completed at least once.

This feature supports the exceptional use case of an already completed order step (unit procedure) that has been reactivated accidentally, i.e., the reactivated instance shall not be executed.

In such a case, the reactivated instance of the unit procedure first needs to be started in the Production Execution Client but does not need to be executed. The then running unit procedure instance can be aborted right away.

In case all order steps of the order have been completed at least once, this order with order steps in the **Aborted** status now can manually be set to **Finished** in the Production Management Client and reviewed in the Exception Dashboard of the Production Response Client.

Recipe Processing

Prorated Quantities of Material Parameters during Execution

New for FT PharmaSuite 7.1.

With FT PharmaSuite 7.1, prorate factors were introduced. They can be applied during execution in order to automatically reduce the planned quantity of input and output materials of a current unit procedure, based on the yield calculation of produced output materials from one or more preceding unit procedures.

The definition of prorate factors during recipe authoring and the handling of override exceptions during execution need to be exercised with reasonable care. For example, certain aspects need to be considered if multiple material inputs of one unit procedure are split across multiple Inline Weighing operations and phases:

- The recipe author has to define the same prorate factor for all of the relevant phases, in order to ensure that during execution all of the unit procedure-related materials are prorated by the same factor.

- During execution, the prorate factor can be overridden with the **Override prorate factor** user-triggered exception, which only applies to the materials that are assigned to the specific phase. Again, if material inputs are split across multiple Inline Weighing operations and phases, the **Override prorate factor** exception needs to be performed again for each of the relevant phases.

For more information, please refer to "Functional Requirement Specification Dispense and Inline Weighing" [A6] (page 51).

Handling of Runtime Properties during Exceptional Weighing Situations

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.1.

The Dispense and Inline Weighing phases and the Output Weighing phases provide specific exceptions that have an impact on the involved equipment objects. In general, the current status and/or context information is reset when such an exception is recorded, e.g., a **Return to material identification** user-triggered exception.

However, the value of a runtime property is never reset automatically by the system when an exception is recorded, because most likely this also requires further process steps on the shop floor. Runtime properties, in case they have to be reset manually as a consequence of such an exceptional situation, always need to be updated by a data administrator in Data Manager (or alternatively along with the execution of a respective clean-up workflow on the shop floor, if enabled by project-specific phases).

For more information, please refer to "Functional Requirement Specification Dispense and Inline Weighing" [A6] (page 51) and "Functional Requirement Specification Output Weighing" [A10] (page 51).

Handling of Loaded Scales during Inline Weighing

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.1.

During preparation of a target container in Output Weighing, the **Weigh** phase can be used to mark the used scale as currently loaded (scale's runtime property of the **Current Load (RS)** purpose). This results in skipping the zeroing of the scale (with the **Select scale** and **Get weight** phases) and skipping its release check (in the **Release scale** phase) during subsequent process steps.

Especially during Inline Weighing, the scale's runtime property of the **Current Load (RS)** purpose also needs to be evaluated as part of certain transition conditions.

For more information, please refer to section "Transitions within an Inline Weighing Operation" in "Functional Requirement Specification Dispense and Inline Weighing" [A6] (page 51).

Termination of Order Steps

Update for FT PharmaSuite 9.0.

If the **Abort-and-reactivate-enabled** capability for a unit procedure has been configured in Recipe Designer, the related running order step can be aborted by the operator and a new reactivated instance will be available to be processed at the same or a different work center.

If the **Abort-and-reactivate-enabled** capability for a unit procedure has not been configured in Recipe Designer and thus is not available in the Production Execution Client for this running unit procedure, an abort and reactivate can still be achieved for this specific order step by an authorized user with the **Manage Batch Orders** use case in the Production Management Client. This will result in an exception that is automatically added to the related unit procedures.

Recipe and Workflow Processing

NULL Handling of Quantity-related Information Flow Functions

New for FT PharmaSuite 7.1.

With FT PharmaSuite 7.1, the following information flow functions that allow to access MFC position-related quantity data were introduced:

- Planned Quantity - Original function: originalPlannedQuantity
- Planned Quantity - Execution function: plannedQuantity
- Actual Split Quantity function: actualSplitQuantity
  Returns the actual recorded quantity of the last closed target (not available for output materials).
- Total Actual Quantity function: totalActualQuantity
  Returns the total recorded quantity of a material position minus replaced quantity or quantity that was declared as waste.

Usually, an accurate proper recipe design ensures that the quantity-related functions do not return NULL during execution, i.e., quantities already have to be recorded in the database before they are referenced within an information flow function.

However, in case the functions retrieve NULL from the database, this is handled differently by the system with respect to the values that the functions actually return during execution.

- Planned quantities:
  If no planned quantity is maintained (e.g., **Planned quantity mode** is set to **None**), the related functions also return NULL during execution.
  If a planned quantity-related function is used in a context without a defined planned quantity, this is considered to be a flaw in the recipe design.

- Actual split quantity (for input material) and Total actual quantity (for input and output materials):
  If no actual quantity is available in the database (e.g., no material has been weighed or produced yet), the related functions do not return NULL during execution, but the "0 <UoM>" value.
- Actual split quantity (for output material):
  As this function is not supported for output materials, it always returns NULL during execution if it refers to an output material position.

Update of Specific Context Data

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 7.1.

As part of the information flow capabilities, specific context data can be made available for phases during execution. This includes order context details, MFC position context details, and location context details.
For a subset of the available data, an update of that master data is not populated automatically to the still running Production Execution Client and the EBR server. This limitation only applies to the following data, which usually is not subject to change:

- Order context: Produced material short description and material type.
- MFC position context: Material short description and material type.
- Location context: Room-related storage area and work center information.

In order to have any update of the listed data being reflected on the shop floor, both the Production Execution Client and the EBR server need to be restarted.

PEC, EBR Server, and OES Do Not Refresh Cached Data Automatically

Issue: As an example, equipment master data is cached on the Operation Execution server starting with its first usage. The cache is only refreshed when the OES is restarted or if the business logic of a phase explicitly refreshes the cache. This means that updates to already cached master data may not be available for business logic that runs on the OES unless the server is restarted.
Refers to FTPS-3973.

Solution: An operational procedure (SOP) needs to be in place to ensure that master data is not updated while these objects are used during execution.
In case master data needs to be updated, an explicit refresh of the cache can be triggered as follows:

- Restart the OES.
- Restart the EBR server.
- Restart the Production Execution Client, perform the **Change User** action, or the **Change Station** action.

Interruption of Order or Workflow Steps - Resume at the Same Work Center

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 7.1.

If a running order or workflow step needs to be **interrupted** for being **resumed at the same work center**, the operator first needs to finish or detach the still running operations before he can exit the system. The operation will be available to be resumed the next time the operator logs in at the same work center again.

For non-Dispense operations, in case the **Detachable** capability has not been configured in Recipe Designer for an operation and thus is not available in the Production Execution Client for this running operation, a detach can still be forced for this specific operation by an authorized user within the Production Management Client (**Unlock objects** function). This will result in an exception that is automatically added to the still running phase or phases of this operation.
This also applies to Inline Weighing and Output Weighing operations.

In case of a Dispense operation, the operator needs to execute a **Return to material identification** exception first and then to stop processing the order step by confirming the phase before exiting the system. For more information, please refer to the **BB complete (SR0200.2.3)** function in "Functional Requirement Specification Dispense and Inline Weighing" [A6] (page 51).

Interruption of Order or Workflow Steps - Resume at a Different Work Center

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 7.1.

If the **Detachable** capability for a unit procedure has been configured in Recipe and Workflow Designer, the related running order or workflow step can be interrupted by the operator to be **resumed at a different work center**. Before the unit procedure can be detached, the still running operations need to be finished or detached first.

If the **Detachable** capability for a unit procedure has not been configured in Recipe and Workflow Designer and thus is not available in the Production Execution Client for this running unit procedure, the current release of FT PharmaSuite does not offer any option to force a detach of a unit procedure/order step/workflow step in the Production Management Client. The only workaround is:

- For order steps: to complete or abort the unit procedure/order step, which then allows to reactivate the order step and to process it at a different work center.
- For workflow steps: to complete or cancel the unit procedure/workflow step and to start a new workflow at a different work center.

Room Status Check

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 8.1.

When a recipe or workflow is started in the Production Execution Client, the system supports an implicit room status check only within the **Identify material** phase for Dispense or Inline Weighing.

No other implicit room status checks are implemented. If required, explicit room status checks can be defined and configured by a recipe or workflow author with the **Identify Equipment** phase. Appropriate room-related requirements must be assigned to the phase.

Recovery Capabilities to Resolve Issues during Execution

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.4.

Since FT PharmaSuite 8.4, a toolset for administrators is available that provides certain recovery capabilities to resolve issues during execution that are caused by a faulty or undefined recipe parameter setup (e.g., information flow expressions of a process parameter or transition conditions that cannot be calculated by the system).

Any recovery action is a highly sensitive task that needs to be considered carefully. It requires an electronic signature and will be tracked as an exception in the batch record, according to the related risk and signature privilege definitions on configuration key level.

Abort Phase

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.4.

Aborting an active phase can be triggered in the Navigator view of the Production Execution Client, which results in a specific "Phase execution aborted" exception.

The following implications have to be considered for any aborted phase and a respective risk assessment has to be performed on a case-by-case basis:

- Aborting a phase bypasses all UI extensions (e.g., phase completion signature) and other phase-specific checks that may veto the completion.
- Execution of the phase-specific business logic will be incomplete. This may result in incomplete data having been recorded in the database.
- The information flow will be broken if any output variable of an aborted phase is used later on in the control recipe. An aborted phase already represents its own instance of the phase, however, any output variable of an aborted phase is undefined except for the output variables provided by the framework.
- After the phase has been aborted, processing of the operation continues normally, according to the SFC modeling in the underlying recipe.

Repair Phase

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 10.0.

Repairing an active phase can be triggered in the Navigator view of the Production Execution Client, which results in a specific "Phase repair mode started" exception and a "Phase parameters repaired" exception.

- Repairing is only available as long as no exceptions have been recorded for a phase. This restriction does not include "phase repair mode"-specific exceptions. Customer-specific implementations can further exclude specific exceptions from this rule.
- Repairing is not available for phases that are explicitly excluded from being repaired, according to the **PhaseRepairModeBlackList** configuration key. Currently, this applies to the **IPC Get values** phases with version <= [2.0].
- Note: For customer-specific implementations of phases, a risk assessment shall be performed in order to identify any phase that needs to be excluded from the repairing capability.

The following steps and implications have to be considered for any repaired phase and a respective risk assessment has to be performed on a case-by-case basis:

- The current phase instance is aborted automatically and the system records the "Phase repair mode started" exception that is assigned to the aborted instance of the phase.
- For the aborted phase instance, execution of phase-specific business logic will be incomplete. This may result in incomplete data having been recorded in the database.
- The system automatically creates a new instance of the phase. It is first displayed in the repair mode that allows to override its process parameters.
- Only the current numeric or string value of any process parameter, which might result from the calculation of an information flow expression, can be overridden. Expressions themselves cannot be defined or changed during the repair mode, which also includes object-related parameters (e.g., equipment object).
- Upon completion of the repair mode, the system records the "Phase parameters repaired" exception that is assigned to the new instance of the phase. As part of the exception, all changes to process parameter values are recorded.
- Finally, the new instance of the phase is displayed again with its regular user interface and can be processed as usual.
- After this phase instance has been completed, processing of the operation continues normally, according to the SFC modeling in the underlying recipe, and the output variables of this latest instance are available as part of information flow.

Force Execution Transition

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 9.0.

Forcing a stalled transition can be triggered in the **Manage Orders** use case of the Production Management Client, which results in a "force execution transition"-specific exception.

The following implications have to be considered for any transition to be forced and a respective risk assessment has to be performed on a case-by-case basis:

- For a given order/workflow, the system displays a list of stalled transitions. It is in the responsibility of the administrator to identify the correct transition that needs to be forced.
- Forcing a transition will simply ignore any transition condition that might be defined for this transition in the master recipe/workflow.
- After a transition has been forced, processing continues normally, according to the SFC modeling in the underlying recipe.
- The corresponding exception is assigned to the related operation or unit procedure that contains the forced transition.
- In case a transition between unit procedures is forced, the exception is added to the preceding unit procedure that was performed prior to the forced transition. If there is no such unit procedure, the transition cannot be forced.

Archive and Purge

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.0.

Since FT PharmaSuite 8.0, the system provides the **Export for archive** function for orders and workflows.

The exported data is stored in a pre-configured target folder that cannot be changed by users. It is very important to understand that this target folder must be protected by special access rights in a similar way as the database of FT PharmaSuite is protected, in order to prevent unauthorized data manipulation.

Once an order or workflow has been exported for archive, it is marked as **Exported for archive** in FT PharmaSuite and therefore can be purged at any time.

All archive and purge-related events are tracked in a separate event log within FT PharmaSuite.

Restrictions for Export for Archive

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 8.1.

Orders can only be exported for archive if they are in the **Reviewed** or **Canceled** statuses. In case a workflow is appended to multiple orders, its status is changed to **Reviewed** along with the review of the first order to which it is assigned. Along with the export of an order, the system exports all currently appended workflows as well.

Workflows on their own can be exported for archive if they are at least in the **Finished** or **Canceled** statuses.

Exclusions from Export for Archive

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.0.

The following objects are not exported along with their order:

- Dispense reports, because all batch-relevant information of the Dispense report is also included in the batch report, which is part of the exported data.
- Re-print history of Dispense reports when re-printed from the Production Management Client, because it is not considered to be archive-relevant data.
- Re-print history of sublot labels when re-printed from the Production Management Client, because each re-printed label is part of the exported data. Sublot labels that were re-printed from the Production Execution Client during execution, are tracked as exceptions within the batch report.

Restrictions for Purge

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 8.2

Orders can be purged if they are in the **Annulled**, **Reviewed**, or **Canceled** statuses and they do no longer contain a reference to an equipment object. Orders in the **Canceled** and **Reviewed** statuses must have been successfully exported for archive first.

Workflows can be purged if they are at least in the **Finished**, **Annulled**, or **Canceled** statuses and they do no longer contain a reference to an equipment object. In case they are **Production-relevant** (per master workflow definition, since they are appended to an order, or referenced by an equipment logbook), they need to be exported for archive first (except for workflows in the **Annulled** status).

Reference to an equipment object means that there is still a binding reference to an equipment object (e.g., scale, room) and its "current order context".

Deployment and Configuration Constraints

Setup of the Version Management for Master Recipes and Master Workflows

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 8.4.

The configuration of the version management for master recipes and master workflows allows to define a numbering scheme for version numbers.

In order to ensure a proper system behavior, especially related to the recipe and workflow comparison function that is available since FT PharmaSuite 7.1, it is important that the following basic rules always apply for the numbering scheme:

- Major revision numbers (e.g., 1.0, 2.0) must never be increased if the new master recipe or master workflow version still represents the same object within the database (e.g., for status transitions from **Verification** back to **Edit** or from **Valid** to **Valid** due to an updated period of validity).
- Major revision numbers are always increased (e.g., 1.0 to 2.0) if the new master recipe or master workflow version represents a new object within the database (e.g., created with the **Save as** function).

For more information, please refer to chapter "Adapting Versioning Graphs" in Volume 2 of the "Technical Guide Configuration and Extension" [A13] (page 51).

Client Inactivity Timeout (FTPC)

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 8.2.

FactoryTalk ProductionCentre provides a Client Inactivity Timeout feature (defined in FTPC Administrator, see "Technical Guide FTPC Administrator" [A2] (page 51)). However, this feature is not supported by FT PharmaSuite. Enabling this feature may cause unforeseen timeouts.

For the FT PharmaSuite Production Execution Client, an automatic locking mechanism is available. In case no user activity is detected for a certain amount of time, the system locks the client with the display of the **Change User** dialog in order to prevent unauthorized activity at the Production Execution Client.

In case inactivity timeouts are desired for other FT PharmaSuite clients, this needs to be managed through the timeout feature of the client operating system.

Length of Configuration Key Names

The name of configuration keys must not be longer than 64 characters.

For example, your configuration key name is **LibraryHolder/services-inventory-impl.jar/AtooLongConfigurationItemName**. Then, this key cannot be stored in the database if none of the two hierarchy levels (**LibraryHolder**, **services-inventory-impl.jar**) is present in the corresponding application object, which holds the configuration key. The reason is that the complete name is longer than 64 characters.

But if at least the first hierarchy level (**LibraryHolder**) is present (which is currently the case in our **DefaultApplication** application), the key could be stored in the database. The key name would be **services-inventory-impl.jar/AtooLongConfigurationItemName**, which is less than 64 characters long.

IT Environment – SOAP not supported

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 7.1.

FactoryTalk ProductionCentre supports two different ways of the communication between the Application Server and the client applications:

- RMI/IIOP (default)
- SOAP/HTTP.

IMPORTANT

FT PharmaSuite utilizes User Transactions for consistent data management. User Transactions do not work with SOAP. Thus, RMI/IIOP is required for FT PharmaSuite.
Quoted from the "Process Designer Online Help": "This feature is **not** supported when using .NET proxy factory or any client using the SOAP protocol."
The system always tries to use RMI first, but will fall back to SOAP if no communication is possible based on RMI/IIOP. However, FT PharmaSuite does not fully support SOAP (this especially applies to User Transactions).

Running FT PharmaSuite with SOAP might result in a strange application behavior and potential serious data loss.

Since FT PharmaSuite 2.1, checks have been implemented, which apply during client and server startup, e.g., for Production Execution Client, Production Management Client, Production Response Client or Shop Operations Server startup for EBR and OE server. However, problems might occur if the communication switches to SOAP later on.

Error analysis might be difficult because Process Designer works without any problem. The same applies to the Production Execution Client until you start processing.

Therefore, the IT environment has to ensure that communication based on RMI/IIOP is continuously possible and is reliable between the Application Server and the client applications, e.g., the use of WLAN-based communication is not recommended.

IT Environment – System Time Must Be Synchronized

Make sure that the system date and time settings are synchronized between the machines that are running FT PharmaSuite clients and servers, including application servers, database servers, ActiveMQ JMS message brokers, and the Shop Operations Servers.

Especially in an automation or Historian integration scenario it is essential to have the system time synchronized to the second for all machines hosting the Production Execution Client application, the ActiveMQ JMS message broker, and the Automation Integration server.

Otherwise, messages sent with the expiration time of client's "now" time might be disregarded by the message broker or the Automation Integration server if they are running on a more advanced time. The message expiration time is configured at the FT PharmaSuite client and is set to 3 seconds for automation and Historian integration communication (see **MessageTimeToLive4AI** configuration key in Volume 4 of the "Technical Guide Configuration and Extension" [A3] (page 51)). The setting prevents that outdated messages are received by an Automation Integration server which has temporarily been unavailable, e.g., in case of a network outage between message broker and Automation Integration server or an outage of the Automation Integration server itself. Particularly when writing tags via messaging it is important that outdated messages expire. We highly recommend not to increase the setting of the **MessageTimeToLive4AI** configuration key.

Please consider to configure NTP synchronization on each machine.

Since FT PharmaSuite 5.2, the Production Execution Client, and since FT PharmaSuite 6.0, all clients provide information about the system time synchronization status of the required systems in an **About** dialog.

Chapter 4

List of Known Issues

The following list of issues contains known defects that might have a business impact.

It is planned to fix these issues in a future release.

General

Disable triggers for OBJECT_COUNT in the ACTIVITY_SET table

- **ID**: FTPS-2126
- **Issue**: The OBJECT_COUNT triggers in the ACTIVITY_SET table lead to performance issues during master recipe preparation.
  Refers to PC-17094.
  This issue has been solved for FT PharmaSuite 5.1. However, the counter for the total number of Activity Sets is no longer correctly displayed in Process Designer.
- **Solution**: Do not rely on the Activity Set filter *get count* method without any additional filter criteria.

Recipe and Workflow Designer

Units of Measure containing a division slash are not supported by the Expression editor

- **ID**: FTPS-1904
- **Issue**: The Expression editor does not provide means to support measured value constants where the measured value is used as a constant and the unit of measure contains a division slash (e.g., 100 mg/ml).
- **Solution**: Units of measure must be defined without using a "/" at all, e.g., replace "mg/ml" by "mgPml" or use the *convertToMeasuredValue()* function to mask the unit of measure with special characters.

Stack overflow error logged for recipes/workflows with a large number of phases

- **ID**: FTPS-1507
- **Issue**: When a recipe, workflow, or custom building block is built that holds more than 500 phases in one single operation, the system may respond with a stack overflow error.

- **Solution**: In general, FT PharmaSuite's design space is meant to support recipes, workflows, or custom building blocks with up to 1,000 phases. However, more than 500 phases within one single operation is not considered to be a realistic scenario and therefore is not supported by the system.

Data Manager - Work Center

Work Centers do not export their Production Line(s)

- **ID**: FTPS-2665
- **Issue**: Process Designer's DSX export does not export production lines attached to work centers when exporting work centers.
  Missing production lines result in orders not being available for execution in the Production Execution Client.
  Hence, on systems with imported work centers, no orders can be processed on these work centers.
  Refers to PC-17325.
- **Solution**: Export the production line containing the required work centers with Process Designer’s DSX export. Then the DSX file contains the child work centers.

Execution

Parallel operations execution: Scale communication errors

New for FT PharmaSuite 7.1.

- **ID**: BB-809
- **Issue**: A scale communication error occurs when parallel weighing operations are executed with two different scales but using the same station and device. This is due to the fact that the scale drivers only support single scales and only one scale driver can be loaded to a device at a time.
- **Solution**: In case a recipe definition allows to run parallel weighing operations at the same station and device, it needs to be ensured procedurally that only one weighing operation is processed at a time and that the actual weighing step is completed (scale is released), before the operator continues processing the parallel weighing operation.

Batch Report

Internationalization of Load Logistic Unit phase sub-report

New for Phase Load Logistic Unit 6.0 / 6.1

- **ID**: CVBLSFTPS-23979
- **Issue**: The phase sub-report does not show all sublots which were relocated to a logistic unit. This happens only if one of the table column headers are translated with a term that causes a wrapping of the header to a second line.
- **Solution**: If message packs with translations to further languages are available, check that no header column text causes a wrapping. If the header is wrapped to a second line, shorten the translated text.
  The issue is solved for 11.1 phase versions .

Environment

FT PharmaSuite services are not started properly after reboot of the application server

- **ID**: FTPS-61
- **Issue**: After a reboot of the Application Server, the **FT PharmaSuite Transition server**, **FT PharmaSuite EBR server**, **FT PharmaSuite TOM server**, and **FT PharmaSuite OE server** services are not restarted automatically. The reason for this is that the JBoss Service has not completed its starting procedure at that time. The JBoss server is still in the **Starting** status.
  Refers to PC-13743.
- **Solution**: Wait until the JBoss Service is in the **Started** status, then start the **FT PharmaSuite Transition server**, **FT PharmaSuite EBR server**, **FT PharmaSuite TOM server**, and **FT PharmaSuite OE server** services manually.
  For the status of the service, see *..\Rockwell\FT_ProductionCentre\jboss\server\datasweepConfig\log\server.log*.
  The line

```
<timestamp> 2017-06-09 13:50:17,271 INFO  [org.jboss.as] (Controller
Boot Thread) WFLYSRV0025: JBoss EAP 7.0.6.GA (WildFly Core
2.1.8.Final-redhat-1) started in 14837ms - Started 1782 of 2126
services (518 services are lazy, passive or on-demand)
```

  indicates that the service is started. This is the last line in the log file after the service was started.
  Please note that the version numbers mentioned in the log file may be higher than the one shown here.

Warehouse Management Client

Exception after editing a newly created batch

- **ID**: CVBLSPC-29872
- **Issue**: If the **Edit Batch** dialog is opened immediately after creating the batch with the **Add Batch** dialog, the changes cannot be saved.
- **Solution**: After batch creation, a different batch needs to be selected in the grid before the newly created batch can be changed. The focus change is important, a refresh action is not sufficient.

Audit Log: Part – Sampling Type

- **ID**: WH-1149 / MF-5507
- **Issue**: The **Sampling Type** attribute of a part is logged in the audit log without the meaning of the option list element. Instead, the unique **Functional Sequence Number** is logged.
- **Solution**: To retrieve the human-readable meaning of the **Sampling Type**, open the **WH_SamplingType** option list and map the unique **Functional Sequence Number** to the **Meaning** or to the **Caption** value.

RESTful API for transport orders does not return sorted values

- **ID**: CVBLSFTPS-39411
- **Issue**: When the transport order RESTFul API is used to retrieve transport orders based on target area sorting criteria, the returned values are not sorted correctly.
- **Solution**: N/A

Warehouse Configuration Changes

Audit log: Warehouse configuration

- **ID**: WH-979
- **Issue**: The change of a single configuration item results in the logging of many unchanged configuration items. The first time after the installation of Warehouse Management, a change of the Warehouse Management configuration logs not only the changed configuration item. Additionally, all other configuration items without new and old value are logged.
- **Solution**: As long as a configuration item has not been changed, the current value needs to be retrieved from the Warehouse Management configuration directly.

FactoryTalk ProductionCentre WXF Administration

Configuration properties for a sub-group of an application cannot be imported in the Applications editor

- **ID**: CVBLSPC-29988 / Knowledge base article #7456 (https://rockwellsoftware.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/7456)
- **Issue**: When importing an application in the Applications editor of the Management Client of Web Experience Framework that contains a sub-group (e.g., Access Privileges, Activity Set, etc.) with a configuration property defined on a sub-group level, the property is not imported, and an error message is displayed in the import result dialog. The application itself, its sub-groups, and the configuration properties defined directly on the application level, are imported and available in the system.
  In rare cases, there might be no error message during import; however, the configuration properties defined for a sub-group are not imported.
- **Solution**: A workaround for this issue is to import the same file for the second time. As the application's sub-groups have been created during the first import, the configuration properties will be imported correctly this time.

Chapter 5

Upgrade-related Topics

The following list of topics refers to issues that are directly related to system updates or data migration of FT PharmaSuite.

Upgrade Engine-related Issues

Migration Execution Can Only Be Canceled Between Stages

Within a running stage of the migration execution (e.g., stage 3 with multiple update tasks), the execution cannot be canceled. The system first completes all pending tasks of this stage, in order to keep data and log files consistent. The migration execution can only be canceled upon completion of the actual stage.

Migration of Audit Trail Configuration Settings Is a Manual Step

New for FT PharmaSuite 8.0.

While upgrading to a new FT PharmaSuite release, a manual configuration is required in order to disable audit trail of specific database tables.
For more information, please refer to section "Updating the Audit Trail Configuration", chapter "Upgrading an Installation" in "Technical Guide Installation - Upgrade" [A5] (page 51).

Transaction Timeout JBoss

Updated for FT PharmaSuite 10.0.

Due to a changed JBoss behavior since JBoss 7.2.6, the transaction timeout can no longer be configured with JBoss configuration. A default user transaction timeout is defined by the **TransactionTimeout** and **SuspendedTransactionTimeout** configuration keys.

For more information, please refer to chapter "Configuration Keys of FT PharmaSuite" in Volume 4 of the "Technical Guide Configuration and Extension" [A3] (page 51).

Specifics Related to FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00

Production Execution Client and Activity Set-based Workflows

With the UX Refresh, the Production Execution Client cannot execute activity set-based workflows anymore. The inventory workflows, available with previous FT PharmaSuite versions, material receipt, material issue, sublot split, inventory correction, and relocation are not accessible from the Production Execution Client anymore.

FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 offers a Production Inventory Client to run activity set-based workflows.

The support of activity set-based workflows will be completely discontinued and no longer supported with the next major FT PharmaSuite version 12.00.00.

Warehouse Management Users

With FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00, Warehouse Management starts to use configuration keys defined at applications. To have at least the Default Configuration assigned, all Warehouse users shall be assigned to the **MinimalAccess** user group.

Station Containing a Slash Character in the Station Identifier

Since FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00, the creation of a station containing a forward slash character in the identifier is denied by Data Manager. In case a station with a slash character exists already, since it was created with a previous FT PharmaSuite version, the following system behavior is introduced to not fail reading the application configuration: Station-specific settings are ignored and only the configuration on class level is loaded.

System Building Block Compatibility

Due to the nature of some code changes in the latest FT PharmaSuite release, not all product building block versions of the previous release are compatible with the latest release but need to be updated to their newest building block maintenance release version first.

For more details about the specific building block versions that are compatible with the latest FT PharmaSuite release, please refer to "FT PharmaSuite Building Blocks - Compatibility Matrix" [A7] (page 51).

System Building Block Replacement through Change Request or Smart Replace

Since PharmaSuite 10.0, system building blocks can be replaced by another version using the change request feature. In many cases, new or changed functionality is introduced with a new system building block version that needs additional configuration. The recipe author needs to do this configuration before the target object is approved. So, the target status defined at the change request for the recipe/workflow or building block to create shall be a Draft status.

The following table provides an overview of all new minor or major system building block versions delivered with FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00. For details, please refer to the FT PharmaSuite Functional Requirement Specification of the system building block.

System Building Block old Version to new Version	No change or New/ Changed parameter, default is previous behavior	New / Changed parameter, needs configuration or has changed default behavior	New exception parameter, optional to change risk/ text	Remark
Show Document 2.0 MR7 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	Since Microsoft does not fully support IE components anymore, the work instructions will not be shown inside the frame of the Production Execution Client, but instead with an external application assigned at operating system level to the file type of the work instruction. Version 2.0 MR7 of the system building block in conjunction with the external applications cannot open all URLs that were accepted by the IE component. Please read the knowledge base article #7286 (https://rockwellsoftware.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/7286) how to check existing URLs used at work instruction parameters before performing the upgrade to version 2.0 MR7 of the system building block. Phase version 11.1 behaves like version 2.0 MR7. New version of **Show document** parameter. It provides a work instruction selector.
Identify Material 11.0 to 11.1	Yes	No	Yes	Two further checks that can cause a system triggered exception are available: Time in temperature range checks. Default: Checks are disabled
Produce Material 11.0 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	---

System Building Block old Version to new Version	No change or New/ Changed parameter, default is previous behavior	New / Changed parameter, needs configuration or has changed default behavior	New exception parameter, optional to change risk/ text	Remark
D Identify Material	Yes	No	Yes	Two further checks that can cause a system triggered exception are available: Time in temperature range checks. Default: Checks are disabled
D Select Scale D Tare D Release Scale D Print Report D Weigh 11.0 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	---
O Manage Produced Material O Select Scale O Identify Container O Tare O Weigh O Release Scale 11.0 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	---
Get Weight 11.0 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	New version of **Tolerance definition** parameter
Show GHS Data 11.0 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	New version of exception parameters
Load Logistic Unit 6.1 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	New version of exception parameters
Change Equipment Status 1.0 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	---
Trigger Graph Transition 2.0 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	New version of **Equipment allowed** graph triggers and exception parameters
Get OPC Values 1.0 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	---
Set OPC Values 1.0 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	New version of exception parameters

System Building Block old Version to new Version	No change or New/ Changed parameter, default is previous behavior	New / Changed parameter, needs configuration or has changed default behavior	New exception parameter, optional to change risk/ text	Remark
Show Historical Data Chart 1.0 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	New version of exception parameter
Get DCS Parameters Set DCS Parameters 1.1 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	New version of **Definition** and exception parameters
Set Order Context Show Consumed Material 1.0 to 11.1	Yes	No	No	New version of exception parameters

Specifics Related to Older FT PharmaSuite Releases

Please refer to the Release Notes of the specific FT PharmaSuite release.

Chapter 6

Reference Documents

The following documents are available from the Rockwell Automation Download Site.

No.	Document Title	Part Number
A1	FT PharmaSuite Glossary	PSGY-QR010B-EN-E
A2	Technical Guide FTPC Administrator Set Client Inactivity Timeout	PCADM-IN011C-EN-E
A3	FT PharmaSuite Technical Guide Configuration & Extension - Volume 4	PSCEV4-GR011B-EN-E
A4	FT PharmaSuite User Guide Warehouse Management	PSWH-UM001A-EN-E
A5	FT PharmaSuite Technical Guide Installation - Upgrade	PSUP-IN008B-EN-E
A6	FT PharmaSuite Functional Requirement Specification Dispense and Inline Weighing	PSFRSDI-RM009B-EN-E
A7	FT PharmaSuite Building Blocks - Compatibility Matrix	PSBBCM-PA011B-EN-E
A8	FactoryTalk ProductionCentre User Guide Web Experience Framework	PCWE-UM001B-EN-E
A9	FT PharmaSuite Functional Requirement Specification Data Management	PSFRSDM-RM007B-EN-E
A10	FT PharmaSuite Functional Requirement Specification Output Weighing	PSFRSOW-RM005B-EN-E
A12	FactoryTalk ProductionCentre Release Notes	PRRN-RN011C-EN-E
A13	FT PharmaSuite Technical Guide Configuration & Extension - Volume 2	PSCEV2-GR011B-EN-E
A14	FactoryTalk ProductionCentre Supported Platforms Guide	PRDCTR-RM011C-EN-E

TIP

To access the Rockwell Automation Download Site, you need to acquire a user account from Rockwell Automation Sales or Support.

The following documents are available upon request.

No.	Document Title	Part Number
A15	Technical Description - Number Handling	10005511806/SPC
A16	Technical Description - Quantity Calculations	10005444208/SPC

Appendix A - Document Information

The document information covers various data related to the document.

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Revision History

The following table describes the history of this document.

Version	Description
1.0	Release-specific Enhancements and Changes: updated (page 3) Limitations: updated (page 4)
1.0	Information and Tips ■ Added: to General Considerations: Warehouse Management Integration (page 5), Master Recipe, Master Workflow, and Building Block Checksum (page 26) to Equipment and Work Center Management: Export/Import of Entities, Classes, and Graphs and File Manipulations (page 11) Cold Chain Tracking: Track Time in Temperature Range (page 20), Prepared Sublots and Time in Temperature Range (page 20), Cold Chain Tracking and Activity Set-based Workflows (page 20) ■ Updated: Material-specific Conversion Factors (page 7), Force Execution Transition (page 34)
1.0	Known Issues ■ Added: Exception after editing a newly created batch (page 42), Audit Log: Part – Sampling Type (page 42), RESTful API for transport orders does not return sorted values (page 42), Audit log: Warehouse configuration (page 42), FactoryTalk ProductionCentre WXF Administration (page 43) ■ Updated: Internationalization of Load Logistic Unit phase sub-report (page 41) ■ Removed: (General) Timestamp handling in PS Administration, (Execution) Cannot launch the Production Execution Client with a station containing a slash character in the station identifier
1.0	Upgrade-related Topics ■ Added: Specifics Related to FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 (page 46) ■ Removed: Specifics Related to FT PharmaSuite 11.00.00
1.0	Technical Release Notes ■ Added: Technical Release Notes - FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 (page 55) ■ Removed: Technical Release Notes - FT PharmaSuite 11.00.00
1.0	Open Source License Agreements (page 61) restructured.

Appendix B - Technical Release Notes

Technical Changes of the Underlying Platform

There were numerous changes to the underlying platform, both with FactoryTalk ProductionCentre 11.00.00 and FactoryTalk ProductionCentre11.02.01. For details, please refer to

- FactoryTalk ProductionCentre 11.00.00 - Release Notes [A12] (page 51)
- FactoryTalk ProductionCentre 11.01.00 - Release Notes [A12] (page 51)
- FactoryTalk ProductionCentre Supported Platforms Guide [A14] (page 51)

Technical Release Notes - FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00

In FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00, existing components have been changed, which is of interest for system integrators who have already implemented features based on the components of the published API.

Modified component: PharmaSuite Core

- **Jira ID**: MESASGARD-3008
- **Before**: The FactoryTalk ProductionCentre API *getArrayDataFromActive* is used internally in methods in the FT PharmaSuite workspace to execute direct SQL queries.
- **After**: The old API is now deprecated since the FTPC 11.00.00 release. A more secure replacement *getPreparedStatementArrayDataFromActive* has been introduced.
- **Reason**: The old API is not secure and can be exposed to SQL injection security risks.
- **Migration**: The old API is deprecated and will be discontinued in a future release of FactoryTalk ProductionCentre. Therefore, it is recommended to upgrade and use the new and more secure API.

Modified component: Apache Commons Net third-party library

- **Jira ID**: MESSYSTEM-2414
- **Before**: Apache Commons Net library was used in version 3.8.0.
- **After**: Apache Commons Net library is used in version 3.9.0.
- **Reason**: Update to a more secure version.
- **Migration**: The Update Engine will take care of the deletion of the old version and the installation of the new version.

Modified component: Third-party libraries

- **Jira ID**: MESPOD1-5916
- **Before**: The following versions of third-party libraries were used:
  - JGoodies Binding version 2.10.0
  - JGoodies Forms version 1.8.0
  - JGoodies Common version 1.8.0
  - Guice version 4.0
- **After**: The following versions of third-party libraries are used:
  - JGoodies Binding version 2.13.0
  - JGoodies Forms version 1.9.0
  - JGoodies Common version 1.8.1
  - Guice version 5.1.0
- **Reason**: Update to a more secure version.
- **Migration**: The Update Engine will take care of the deletion of the old version and the installation of the new version.

Modified component: Parameter-related AT definitions

- **Jira ID**: MESPOD1-5811
- **Before**: The following ATDefinitions contained a *sortIndex* column. It was also available in the corresponding access classes:
  - AT_X_EquipmentParameter
  - AT_X_MaterilalParameter
  - AT_X_PrivilegeParameter
- **After**: The column is marked as OBSOLETE. The getters and setters for it are deprecated in the access classes.

- **Reason**: The field was never used.
- **Migration**: The field was never used in the product code. If it was used in a customization scenario, the getters and setters should be moved to the project-specific code once they are removed from the product.

Modified component: IEspeciallyStylable interface

- **Jira ID**: MESPOD1-5021
- **Before**: There is an *IEspeciallyStylable* interface that allows to provide special styling for controls used in the Production Execution Client (e.g., in phases).
- **After**: The interface is deprecated.
- **Reason**: The Production Execution Client no longer uses a style sheet to determine the look and feel of the UI. Only the phases that were not upgraded to use the new UI will use a style sheet, but it is recommended that these phases are upgraded to use the mechanisms described in the technical guides.
- **Migration**: Upgrade the components that implement *IEspeciallyStylable* to use the new mechanisms for changing the look and feel.

Modified component: GraphicalButtonComponent

- **Jira ID**: MESPOD1-5021
- **Before**: There is a *GraphicalButtonComponent* class that can be used to render buttons in the Production Execution Client.
- **After**: The class is deprecated.
- **Reason**: The Production Execution Client uses new UI components because the mechanisms used to determine the look and feel were changed.
- **Migration**: Use *PECThemedButton* and its child classes instead.

Modified component: PharmaSuite Core, Warehouse Communication

- **Jira ID**: MESASGARD-3471
- **Before**: The *WarehouseManagementEnabled* configuration item equals *false*.
- **After**: The *WarehouseManagementEnabled* configuration item equals *true*.
- **Reason**: Starting with FTPS 11.01.00, the validated default configuration has FT PharmaSuite and Warehouse Management set to connected.
- **Migration**: Change the configuration item to *false* if you want to continue using FT PharmaSuite without integration with Warehouse Management.

Modified component: FT PharmaSuite B2MML schema, Phase Data, Batch Record and Batch Report services

- **Jira ID**: MESPOD1-6363
- **Before**: Some phases store phase data in a binary-encoded byte array, for example a list of serialized beans. In the batch record, the phase data is only available as non-human-readable Base64- encoded string.
- **After**: To include serialized binary phase data in human-readable form in the XML batch record, the following method from *IMESRtPhaseData* can be overridden: *Optional<List<IMESDeserializedRtPhaseSubData>> retrieveDeserializedSubDataForProperty(String propertyName)*.
- **Reason**: The batch record must contain the non-serialized, human-readable values of the phase data. Provided the batch record contains the phase data in human-readable form, the phase report should use it without additional deserialization.
- **Migration**: Add the implementation for the new *IMESRtPhaseData retrieveDeserializedSubDataForProperty* method. To display the data on the phase sub-report, use helper methods from *IBatchProductionRecordDocumentWrapper* like *getSubProcessDataListOfRuntimePhaseValue* and create a bean collection from the result that can be used as a *JRBeanCollectionDataSource*.

Modified component: IOutboundWarehouseService

- **Jira ID**: MESPOD1-6402
- **Before**: There is a method in *IOutboundWarehouseService sublotsCreated(List<Sublot>)* which informs the warehouse system of newly created sublots.
- **After**: The method is deprecated. There is a new *sublotsCreated(List<Sublot>, Map<IMESWHTemperatureRange, Duration>)* method. It has the same functionality as the deprecated method, but additionally sends cumulated times to be set for the different temperature ranges of the newly created sublots.
- **Reason**: The cumulated values of newly created sublots might be calculated by FT PharmaSuite. The *sublotsCreated* REST call was extended so that the calculated values can be sent to the warehouse system.
- **Migration**: Use the new method. If your business logic does not calculate cumulated times in temperature ranges, pass an empty map.

Modified component: ISublotService

- **Jira ID**: MESPOD1-6401
- **Before**: In *ISublotService*, there is an *addQtyToProducedSublot(Sublot, MeasuredValue, OrderStepOutput, TransactionHistoryContext)* method, which modifies the quantity of a sublot.
- **After**: The method is deprecated. There is a new *addQtyToProducedSublot(Sublot, MeasuredValue, OrderStepOutput, TransactionHistoryContext, Optional<Map<IMESWHTemperatureRange, Duration>>)* method. It has the same functionality as the deprecated method, but additionally also modifies the cumulated times for the different temperature ranges of the sublot being modified.
- **Reason**: This method is typically called when a new source sublot is added to the target sublot. In this case the cumulated TITR values of the target sublot also need to be adjusted.
- **Migration**: Use the new method. If your business logic does not calculate cumulated times in temperature ranges, pass an empty Optional.

Modified component: IMESOrderService

- **Jira ID**: MESPOD1-6401
- **Before**: In IMESOrderService, there is a *changeQuantityOfProducedSublot(OrderStepOutput, Sublot, MeasuredValue, TransactionHistoryContext)* method, which modifies the quantity of a sublot.
- **After**: The method is deprecated. There is a new *changeQuantityOfProducedSublot(OrderStepOutput, Sublot, MeasuredValue, TransactionHistoryContext, Optional<Map<IMESWHTemperatureRange, Duration>>)* method. It has the same functionality as the deprecated method, but additionally also modifies the cumulated times for the different temperature ranges of the sublot being modified.
- **Reason**: This method is typically called when a new source sublot is added to the target sublot. In this case the cumulated TITR values of the target sublot also need to be adjusted.
- **Migration**: Use the new method. If your business logic does not calculate cumulated times in temperature ranges, pass an empty Optional.

Appendix C - Open Source License Agreements

FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 includes Open Source software as indicated in the Release Notes of FactoryTalk ProductionCentre. The Release Notes are provided along with the FactoryTalk ProductionCentre installation.

For details on the specific Open Source software included in FT PharmaSuite 11.01.00 and related license details, see the Open Source License Agreements accessible from the webstart page of FT PharmaSuite. The document is also included in the download package in the *docs/* directory.

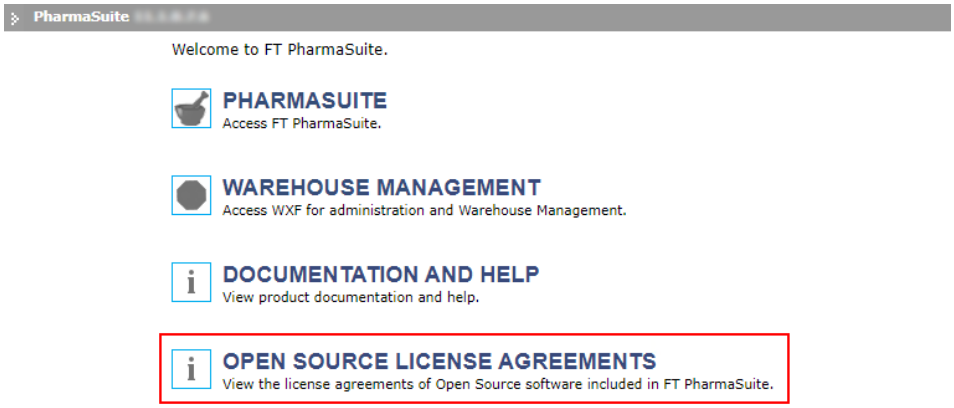

Figure 2: Access to Open Source License Agreements

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